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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, VS

SUBJECT: GVN SENATORS TRAVEL TO US

1. MFA ASSURES US GVN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO KEEP AMBASSADOR MARTIN FULLY INFORMED, BUT FOLLOWING INFORMATION GIVEN US BY MFA MAY BE USEFUL AS CONFIRMATION.

2. GVN SENATORS HUYNH VAN CAO, PHAM DO THANH, NGUYEN DUY TAI AND TRAN TAN TOAN WILL LEAVE SAIGON EVENING FEB 14, ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO AT 0700 FEB 15 ON PA 2, AND LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO AT 0900 FEB 15 ON TW 800 ARRIVING WASHINGTON AT 16:58 SAME DAY.

3. SENATE CHAIRMAN TRAN VAN LAM AND SENATOR TRAN MINH TUNG ARE KEPT IN SAIGON BY IMPORTANT SENATE BUSINESS AND INTEND TO LEAVE A FEW DAYS LATER.

4. MESSAGE RECEIVED BY MFA FROM GVN EMBASSY WASHINGTON FEB 11 SETS FORTH PROPOSED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR SENATE DELEGATION. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL AND VIETNAM-AMERICA COUNCIL WILL BE HELD FEB 21, WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER LIKELY TO ATTEND AND SPEAK. SENATOR BUCKLEY HAS ALSO AGREED TO ATTEND AND MAKE SOME REMARKS. LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE BY NEWS MEDIA. AMBASSADOR PHUONG SUGGESTS THAT SPEECH BY SENATE CHAIRMAN TRAN VAN LAM ON THIS OCCASION BE MEDIA ORIENTED AND THAT FULL USE BE MADE OF RECENT CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

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5. MESSAGE FURTHER STATED DELEGATION WOULD CALL ON VP ROCKEFELLER,

ALL PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL
SENATORS. MESSAGE URGED DESIRABILITY OF DELEGATION ARRIVING
WASHINGTON D.C. BY FEBRUARY 17 SINCE SCHEDULED PROGRAM WOULD
BEGIN FEB 18.

6. WE UNDERSTAND TRAN VAN LAM PLANS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON IN TIME
TO MAKE ADDRESS FEB 21.
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